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## ***GOVERNOR EXPANDS COPPERX CARD TO ALL ARIZONANS***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today announced the Arizona CoppeR<sub>X</sub><sup>SM</sup> Card (pronounced: Copper Card) is now available to every Arizonan. The CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Card is a free prescription drug discount card that is an on-going service of the state of Arizona.

Created by Governor Napolitano in 2003, the CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Card began as an option for more than 50,000 Arizona seniors and others on Medicare. To date, more than 54,000 Arizonans carry CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Cards and have saved almost \$15 million on the cost of prescription drugs.

“I encourage every Arizonan to keep a free Arizona CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Card handy,” the Governor said.

Recognizing May 1-7, 2006 as National Cover the Uninsured Week, the Governor explained that the new expansion of the Arizona CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Card is especially beneficial to the uninsured and underinsured residents of Arizona.

“With health care costs continuing to rise, it is important to have access to affordable prescription medications,” Governor Napolitano added. “By allowing every Arizonan to have a CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Card, we are giving everyone the opportunity for substantial discounts.”

More than 150,000 brochures will be distributed this week to approximately 750 participating pharmacies, community health centers and Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Offices. Prescription discounts range from 15 percent to 55 percent, depending on prescription medication.

Each brochure contains a temporary card for initial use. Once a temporary card is used at a pharmacy, a permanent one will be mailed to the prescription purchaser. Arizonans on the Medicare part D prescription drug plan must check to see if medications purchased using the CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Card can count toward out-of-pocket costs.

A copy of the CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Card brochure is attached. For more information about the Arizona CoppeR<sub>X</sub> Card, visit [www.azgovernor.gov/copperxcard](http://www.azgovernor.gov/copperxcard) or call RxAmerica at (888) 227-8315.